Member of the Associated Press credited to it or not otherwise credited in this All rights of publication of special dispatches herein are also reserved.

Yesterday's Net Circulation, 100,602

4 No. 27,716.

WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1920-TWENTY-FOUR PAGES.

TWO CENTS.

### MONARCHISTS REVOLT, **OVERTHROWING EBERT'S GOVERNMENT IN BERLIN**

Troops, Under Gen. Von Luettwitz, Occupy Dr. Van Schaick Says Choice . Wilhelmstrasse---National Assembly Dissolved and Kapp Made Chancellor.

### SOCIALISTS CALL GENERAL STRIKE; PRESIDENT AND WIFE QUIT CAPITAL

\*Coup, Though Foreshadowed, Is Carried Out Peacefully-Proclamation Says Germany Will Return to "Constitutional Conditions." New Elections Are Promised.

BERLIN, March 13, 10:40 a.m. (by the Associated Press).—The members of the Ebert government are retaining their offices, although they have left the capital, according to the Lokal Anzeiger, in a special edition just issued. The newspaper says the old government refused to comply with an ultimatum presented by Gen. Erhardt of the naval brigade which expired at 7 o'clock this morning, the government officials leaving Berlin by motor car without resigning their posts.

(Noon.)—A new imperial ministry has been formed. It is provisionally composed as follows:

Imperial chancellor, Dr. Kapp; minister of defense, Gen. Baron von Luettwitz; minister of finance, the Oberfinanzrat Bank; minister of public worship, Dr. Traub.

The other ministers have not as yet been appointed. It is reported that it is intended to proclaim Field Marshal von Hindenburg "imperial president."

PARIS, March 13 (Havas).—A proclamation issued in Berlin today declares that the government of the empire has ceased to exist and that the power of the state has passed into the hands of Gen. Director von Kapp, who becomes chancellor and has appointed Gen. von Lucttwitz commander-in-chief of the military forces, Berlin dispatches state.

The issuance of the proclamation followed the occupation of would be. the Wilhelmstrasse, where the government buildings are situated, Examination of Witness Near End. by troops who had returned from the Baltic and had been in barracks at Doeberitz, in the suburbs. The troops entered Berlin this morning, it is stated.

Dispatches giving details of the overthrow of the government say that the troops concentrated at Doeberitz advanced on Berlin, arriving there at 4:30 o'clock in the morning. During the might Gen you Oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but night Gen you Oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but night Gen you Oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but night Gen you Oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but night Gen you Oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but night Gen you oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but night Gen you oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but night Gen you oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but night Gen you oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but night Gen you oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but night Gen you oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but night ni Berlin, arriving there at 4:30 o'clock in the morning. During the night Gen. von Oldershausen negotiated with these troops, but the council of ministers rejected their demands. At 6 o'clock the council of ministers rejected their demands. At 6 o'clock the club as an organization had never urged one' candidate or another.

Of that organization individually corps, must be appointment of public-spirited men to office, the credentials of the Italian ambassador have never been presented and the new British ambassasor has not yet taken

ed as thoroughly Prussian.

prompted their strong representa-tions to Holland of the danger to

tag and general director of the Ger-Ebert Leaves Berlin. man Agricultural Society. He was one of the deputies who, early in 1918, urged the government to speed up U-boat building. He became presi-dent of the fatherland party, the no-BERLIN, March 13 (by the Associated Press).—President Ebert and his wife left Berlin at 5 o'clock this

overthrow of the Ebert government was announced in a procla-mation issued at 10 o'clock this morning after revolting troops from the suburbs had entered Berlin and occupied the Wilhelmstrasse. Un to The proclamation declared that the entire authority of the state has passed into the hands of General Provincial Director Kapp as imperial chancellor and premier of Prussia.

Assembly Is Dissolved.

The proclamation, issued over the of Imperial Chancellor Kapp, says that the mandate of the national assembly to create a con-stitution and conclude peace has expired and it declares the national as-bembly dissolved. It adds: "As soon as internal order has been

tutional conditions and prescribe new It was announced that Gen. Baron von Luettwitz had been appointed commander-in-chief of the military by the chancellor and that a new gov-

estored we shall return to consti-

ernment "of order, freedom and action" was being formed. Maintains Usual Aspect.

At 10 o'clock the city was still pre-

nothing had happened. There was no Amerongen to the German border and gation of the matter?" asked Senator change in the appearance of Unter-prompted their strong representa- Harrison. change in the appearance of Unterof a considerable body of troops at the Brandenburg gate, the Adion Ho-tel and the corner of Unter den Lin-den and the Wilhelmstrasse.

the peace of Germany and the rest of Europe of his presence there. In response to this the Dutch govern-ment promised to keep a close guard den and the Wilhelmstrasse.

The proclamation appeared at this corner at 10 o'clock in the morning. A mounted soldier, fully armed and helmeted, rode up and handed the proclamation to a small group of people. They flocked around him while the document was read. The proclamation later was read on street corners in various parts of the city.

President Ebert, meanwhile, had left the city.

The president and his wife quit Berlin at 5 o'clock this morning.

The president and his wife quit Berlin at 5 o'clock this morning.

The president and his wife quit Berlin at 5 o'clock this morning.

The proclamation appeared at this over the ex-ruler. Former Crown preside to keep a close guard over the ex-ruler. Former Crown prince frederick William also is a refuge in Holland, but his retreat at Wieringen is further removed from the German border.

While there has been no hint in the arrive of an overturn at Berlin dynasty, the fact that the movement looked to indicate that the movement looked to a restoration of the Hohenzollern dynasty, the fact that the development is apparently of a monarchistic nature will cause close attention to be paid to any news from Holland re-

In at 5 o'clock this morning.

Baltic Troops in Camp.

The troops which made the descent upon Berlin were for the most part quartered in the suburb of Doeberitz, and included troops which had respond to the most specific to the suburb of Doeberitz, and included troops which had respond to the most strengthened by the corner from Early and included troops which had respond to the superintendent?" asked Senting the former strengthened by the corner from Early and included troops which had respond to the superintendent?" asked Senting the former royal personages who have been making that country their home for more than a year past.

Interest in this phase of the situation is all the more strengthened by the corner from Early and included troops which had respond to the superintendent?" asked Senting the former royal personages who have been making that country their home for more than a year past. and included troops which had re-cently returned from the Baltic provinces. The threat of their movement developed at midnight. When it became known that they were advancthe semi-official agency states, about to be tried and possibly impristendent.

Albrecht, had been arrested, and was the matter should go to the superintendent.

The assistant superintendent should was the matter should go to the superintendent. Gen. von Oldershausen began negotia-tions with the naval brigade, which formed part of the contingent. The demands made by the brigade were discussed by the cabinet, which sat until the early morning, the news agency adds. The demands were subsequently rejected and the troops en-tered Berlin and proceeded to the oc-

rupation of the Wilhelmstrasse.

The agency also announced the calling of a general strike by the social democratic party, the majority so-eialists, the dominant party which had supported the Ebert government, and of which President Ebert, Pre-mier Bauer and Foreign Minister

#### Reactionary Character of Revolt Made Plain: **Effect on Peace Pact**

revolutionary movement in Germany indicate its reactionary character. It appears that Germany is in the throes of the frequently predicted counterrevolutionary, monarchist struggle Dr. von Kapp, reported as having assumed the chancellorship, is probably Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, a former

## NOT TO NAME HEAD OF SCHOOLS UNTIL **INQUIRY CLOSES**

of Supt. Thurston's Successor Is Deferred.

**ADMITS HE PERMITTED** MOENS TO VISIT SCHOOLS

Closely Questioned Regarding the Privileges Extended to Alleged German Spy.

Dr. John Van Schaick, jr., president of the board of education, told the Senate committee investigating the public schools today that no superintendent would be selected to take Mr. Thurston's place until the investigaton had been concluded.

The investigation of the public schools by the Senate committee is holding up the selection of a new superintendent. Dr. Van Schalck tes-tified. He said that he had made a trip to several cities in search of a new superintendent, but that he had tendered the place to no one yet, al-though he had some persons in mind whom he had discussed with other members of the board.

Dr. Van Schaick was cross-examined

about the Moens case and took full responsibility for the introduction of Moens into the public schools. He said that he had made no further investiga-tion regarding Moens beyond calling up the minister of the Netherlands and asking him about the man. He said that he did not know whether the minister of the Netherlands himself had made any investigation as to charges that Moens was a German spy.

Moens was a German spy.

Asked by Senator Harrison of Mississippi what would be the attitude of the board of education if the committee should report in favor of the retention of Superintendent Thurston, Dr. Van Schalck replied: "It would give the report very serious and prayerful consideration." He declined to predict, however, what the action of the board would be.

When the committee adjourned at noon until next Tuesday morning it had practically concluded the exams morning, it is stated.

The proclamation declares the national assembly dissolved.

It is announced that a new government is being formed.

The socialist parties have declared a general strike, the disches add.

Elections will be held when order has been restored, it was provinced.

The troops entered Berlin had practically concluded the examination of Dr. Van Schaick, but Chairman Sherman asked him to return Tuesday to answer a few questions. A statement by Dr. Henry B. Learned, a member of the board of education, who is now in California, was inserted in the record at the close of today's hearing, and the committee held a short executive session follocing the open meeting.

Closely Questioned on Moens Case.

Dr. Van Schaick was closely ques-tioned by Senator Harrison regarding the Moens case. ter given to Moens by Dr. Van Schaick, under date of May 24, 1917, dent of the fatherland party, the no-torious pan - German organization which urged that Germany carry on the war to the bitter end. After the abdication of Emperor William and the signing of the armistice Dr. Kapp a German spy. Did you consult Supt. was one of the men for whose arrest Thurston about Moens' visit to the

was one of the men for whose arrest the independent socialists clamored on the ground that he and his associates had been responsible for the continuation of the war and the hincontinuation of the war and the hindering of peace.

Maj. Gen. Baron von Luettwitz, who, according to the dispatches, has been named commander-in-chief, was military governor of Belgium in the early days of the war. He later was a commander on the Verdun front. When the German treaty came up for action by the government last June he was one of the leaders of the military party prominent in opposition with Assistant Superintendent Bruce, but that he did not talk to other members of the board about Moens' visit to the schools.

Senator Harrison asked if Moens' entrance and investigation in the schools were made possible by the letters given him by Dr. Van Schaick.

itary party prominent in opposition Dr. Van Schaick.
to the peace terms. He has an Amer"Even though it had come to you ican wife, who was a Miss Cary of that he was charged with being a cleveland. He always has been class-Cleveland. He always has been classed as thoroughly Prussian.

Merely Biding Time.

There has been a strongly held belief both inside and outside of Gervine both inside and outside outside both inside and outside outside both many that the pan-German mon-archist party was merely biding its was charged with being a German time and awaiting an opportune mo-ment to seize control of affairs. It lands said that he heard that Moens was this belief, for one thing, that lands said that he heard that Moens serving for the moment its usual as-pect. Carriages, taxicabs and street they considered the nearness of for-cars were in movement as though mer Emperor William's retreat at of the Netherlands made no investi-

> "That is correct," he replied. Asked About Second Letter.

"Then you gave him another letter," continued Senator Harrison.

indications that have come from Ber- ator Harrison. lin that the reactionary movement was possibly precipitated by the fact that a Hohenzollern prince, Joachim study of the children was intended

demonstration against French officers be consulted instead of the superintendent state of the Hotel Adlon.

Revolt Ensy of Success.

Dr. Van Schaick said that it was inaccurate to suggest that the asinaccurate to suggest The dispatches from Berlin under sistant superintendent had been conyesterday's date, telling of the discov-ery of a reactionary plot, in which the strong and Dunbar schools called his leaders were the very men mentioned attention to Moens, who was working leaders were the very men mentioned in today's advices of the lot's success, would indicate that the government had explicit foreknowledge of the attempt, and this fact makes an explanation of the reported easy success of the anti-government forces in entering Berlin difficult of explanation.

The definition to Moens, who was working at the Smithsonian Institution, and asked the children to go there to be photographed. Dr. Van Schaick said that the question of any engagements outside of the schools was one to be decided by the parents.

"Bruce said he was forbidding any tipe." In school hours," said Dr.

tion.

It may be noted that the names of the two men most prominent in military affairs under the old regime. Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. Ludendorff, so far have not been mentioned in connection with the new development. The field marshal, indeed, had only recently announced. indeed, had only recently announced his willingness to become a candidate for the German presidency in the elections that were to be held later this year, while Bellin dispatches in January also credited Gen.

May, 1919. The case, he said, is still landenderff with the intention of the country in the courts. In reply to Ludendorff with the intention of be-coming an active participant in the next German political campaign.

May, 1915.

Pending in the courts. In reply to questions by Senator Harrison, Dr. Van Schaick said he had neither read

the testimony in the Moens case nor followed it up except in a cursory Effect on Peace Terms. ocontinued on Page 2 Column L.) way. "Do you know of anything that (Continued on Page 2 Column L.)



# PLIGHT TO OBTAIN

Extraordinary Situation Has Arisen—Return of Peace Affected.

ess is not being made in getting the nations of the world back to a real and

not a fictitious basis of peace. The British, French and Italian embassies here have been instructed to con-sult the government of the United States up his duties here.

Has "Dinlomatic Privilege." But Ambassador Jusserand has the

diplomatic privilege of discussing mat-ters with the head of the United States vernment and not necessarily the Sec-tary of state. In the present situation, Mr. Wilson being ill, or, at least unwilling to receive foreign ambassa-dors, and the office of secretary of state being unfilled, because the Senate has not confirmed the nomination of Bainbridge Colby, the plight of Mr. Jusserand is an unenviable one. In two or three days there may not even be a Secretary of State ad interim, for the period during which Frank L. Polk can office of the Attorney General.

Matter in President's Hands. The question, therefore, is whether President Wilson will receive the French ambassador and perhaps the charge d'affaires of the British embassy and the new Italian ambassador. The excuse ness but the situation is further complicated by the surprising statement with reference to the alleged imperialism of France made by the President in his letter to Senator Hitchcock.

The President said then: "Throughout the sessions of the peace conference in Paris it was evident that a militaristic party, under the most in fluential leadership, was seeking to gain ascendancy in the counsels of France They were defeated then, but they are

Provokes Storm of Protests. This accusation has brought forth a storm of protests from the French press all the way from veiled references to the regrettable ill health of the President to inexcusably savage outbursts to the ef-fect that "America is being ruled by a dor Jusserand to express to the Ameri-

moreover, to have instructed Ambassa and the French press supported whole-heartedly that communication and defended it as immune from diplomatic determined. impropriety because it was a personal and not an official act. Thus the Presi-dent's supporters contend his letter to Senator Hitchcock should be taken as a personal communication from one mem-ber of the United States government to

another. Alleged Basis of Instnuation. On the other hand, the insinuation of imperialism made by the President is day. His left le, was broken and his (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

# SHOWS MOST GAIN

of enjoying the largest percentage of crowth in population in the decade of any city whose census thus far has been announced by the census bureau. Its population is today given as 77,818, Diplomatic

risen—ReAffected.

Its population is today given as 71,318, an increase of 41,472, or 114.1 per cent. Knoxville's large increase places her as Tennessee's third city, which rank was held by Chattanooga in 1910. Chattanooga's population in 1920, announced yesterday, was 57,895 and her increase, 29.8 per cent.

The heavy increase led census bureau officials, before announcing the population figures to make an in-

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

An extraordinary situation in world diplomacy has arisen which demonstrates to some extent why more progress is not being made in getting the latter than doubling of the latter than doubling t city's population since the last cen-

The population of Lancaster, Pa., is announced today at 52,150, an increase of 5.923, or 12.5 per cent.

Committee Holds Building Plan of Mr. Daniels Down to 72 Millions.

New naval building programs rec ommended by Secretary Daniels and the general board of the Navy were in effect disapproved of "in the interests of economy" by a House naval subhold that position is subject to legal committee, which, in framing the anbeing threshed over in the nual naval appropriation bill, today

decided that \$72,000,000 for continu-ing the unfinished 1916 program would the only ship construction funds to be provided for the next fiscal Programs proposed by both the Secretary and the board called for au-thorization of more than a score of vessels, the construction of these to be toward making the American Navy the largest in the world. The subcommittee decision, yet to be approved by the full committee, is

regared virtually as final. teemen said today that the bill would be considered by the full committee early next week, with plans of House leaders calling for its passage by the House by the end of that time. As a part of the general program of reducing government expenditures the subcommittee plans to present a bill carrying total appropriations of approximately \$400.000,000, or \$165,-000,000 less than asked by the Navy Department. General reductions of estimates have been made by the subcommittee, which also has approved but few new items.

The subcommittee also decided not to provide funds for development of naval precinct were quickly on the scene bases at San Francisco bay, San Pedro and started an investigation. and Port Angeles. The immediate de-velopment of Pacific shore facilities, apcan government its surprise and amazement at the President's reference to proved by the subcommittee, include France, but in Washington this does not a waken much excitement because not so awaken much excitement because not so as at the mouth of the Columbia awaken much excitement because not so long ago Viscount Grey wrote a letter river, and \$750,000 for a destroyer base to the London Times expressing views at the present Shipping Board shipyard freely about American political affairs, and the French press supported whole- and the French press supported whole- the support of the support but the appropriations have not been determined. Likewise, the subcommittee voted to build a warehouse and training station at San Diego, but has not fixed the funds for these.

> David Warfield Struck by Auto. LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 13 .-David Warfield, the actor, was struck by an automobile truck here yester-

# KNOXVILLE POPULATION WOMAN MURDERED

Body Found Near Rodman and Quebec Streets.



MRS. GERTRUDE H. MANN.

The place in question is not more than 300 yards from Connecticut avenue, and about three blocks from built-up Cleveland Park. Alexander Preece, an instructor in a local rid-ing academy, who was out with three young woman pupils for an afternoon ride, discovered Mrs. Mann's body and furnished the police a new mystery, which, the latter declare, is an intricate one, although the almost certain metrics of the state of tain motive was robbery. Mr. Preece reported his startling per cent is not a fair discovery to the firemen of No. 28 engine company, Connecticut avenue and Porter street, who, in turn, noti-fied the police department. Inspector Clifford L. Grant, chief of detectives, command, and policemen from No. 7

Robbery Thought Motive. "There can be no doubt that robbery was the motive," Inspector Grant said today, "Mrs. Mann's purse having been rifled after it was taken from a handbag that was wrenched from her arm. "It was a hurried affair," he added, "the robber not tearing diamond earrings from Mrs. Mann's ears or takcluster ring she wore. Two more valuable diamond rings were pinned

A flint stone weighing two pounds stained with blood, and a chestnut stick, one end partly burned as if it had been in a campfire or fire about one of the buildings in course of construction in the vicinity of the scene chestnut stick, presenting much the

resided at the home of Neill Hughes, 2817 38th street, leaving there about eighteen months ago when the lat-ter's two sons returned from the Army, going to reside at the residence (Continued on Page 4, Column 4.)

# DRAFTS PROPOSAL TO RELIEVE STREET RAILWAY SITUATION

### Representative Woods' Ten- Some Schedules for Lowertative Bill Seeks to Induce a Merger.

Tentative draft of a bili to relieve the street railway situation in Washington and to induce a merger of the two companies has been prepared by Representative James P. Woods of Virginia, a member of the House Dis.

Virginia, a member of the House District committee.

Representative Woods desires to get the opinion of the street railway officials, of business men in Wasnington and of his associates in Congress on the proposed legislation. He has no particular ambition regarding authorship of the measure and is willing to co-operate with Chairman Mapes and the majority membership of the House District committee in of the House District committee in any legislation that will improve the local conditions. He is particularly fitted to deal with the street railway situation, because he handled the legal end of the Roanoke and Lynchburg properties and has drawn many charters for public utilities and for consolidation of street railway prop-erties and other public utilities. Features of Bills.

Representative Woods proposes as the main features of the bill:

First. To permit the consolidation of the Potomac Electric Power Company and the Washington Rail
Glasses of employes, notably gers, watchmen and guards.

"On the whole the work of mission is to be commended and the work of the clared John S. Beach, present the proposes as the main features of the already poor clared to the same of th way and Electric Company as one clared John S. Beach, president of local No. 2. Federal Employes' Union, pledging the support of this organiway companies from the cost of zation of 20,000 employes to the report maintaining traffic policemen at of the reclassification commission, street intersections.

Some Criticisms.

Third. To remove all legal re-strictions to a consolidation of both street railway companies and to authorize a consolidation by a vote of three-fourths of the capital stock of FROMHER HANDBAG

Fourth. To do away with the present tax system of 4 per cent on gross earnings and impose instead a 1 per cent tax on gross receipts and 50 per cent tax on gross receipts and 50 per cent tax on gross receipts and 50 per cent to all earnings in excess of 7 per cent based on fair valuation as determined by the Public Utilities

Mrs. Gertrude H. Mann's may be determined by the pending court proceeding.

that steps would be taken to impress this belief upon Congress. He also intimated that the recommendations as to annual and sick leave might not be satisfactory to the clerks.

Mr. Beach expressed himself as well pleased with the report of the commission as a whole, however, and pledged the support of his organization to its adoption, with the reservations mentioned, perhaps. each company.

Fourth. To do away with the pres-

court proceeding.

Mr. Woods has not written into the Mr. Woods has not written into the bill, but is seriously considering a provision which would relieve the street railway companies from the cost of street paying between the rails or on the control of the commission will be enacted into the commi

people of the National Capital, composed mostly of government employes, he feels certain the government will be directly benefited through a settlement of the street railway situation.

One of the features of this legislation.

which he proposes.

In permitting the consolidation of the Potomac Electric Power Company and the Washington Railway and Electric Company, Representative Woods is convinced justice would be done. He says that the prosperity of done. He says that the prosperity of the Potomac Electric Power Company is due primarily and directly to the Washington Railway and Electric Company. Economy and production. he says, is directly due to large unit of manufacture, and without the he says, is directly due to large unit of manufacture, and without the Washington Railway and Electric Company, as its biggest consumer, the Potomac Electric Power Company the data and assigning the actual

A fresh murder mystery was offered the National Capital when the body of the National Capital when the National Capital when the body of the National Capital when the National Capital Mrs. Gertrude Harrison Mann, a music teacher, forty-six years of age, bearing conclusive evidence of foul play, was found shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a point where a sides, ne argues, these companies in the purpose of offering assistance to Woods Representative curved road connects Rodman street some criticism of the franchise tax of 1 per cent, his bill provides, but he feels that any one owning property in the District and cattering property

in the District and getting police and fire protection should pay something and that this is a low tax. In setting the rate of earnings at 7 per cent, before the income tax is imposed. Representative Woods feels that he is safeguarding against ture court controversy, and at the same time holding down to what is made. generally recognized as a minimum fair profit for public utilities through out the country. He quotes a Supreme Court decision to the effect that 6 per cent is not a fair profit as show less than 7 per cent is set for ex-

# TO BE RESURFACED

### Improvements Authorized by D. C. Commissioners to Cost \$139,900. Resurfacing of sixteen streets was

authorized by the Commissioners at a board meeting yesterday afternoon. weather permits. The total cost of the mended. of the assault, are thought to be the improvements will be \$139,900. The weapons used by the slayer. The streets to be resurfaced are: The streets to be resurfaced are: •

h the Northwest—Tenth street from E to appearance of a club, was wrapped in a copy of a morning newspaper dated acopy of a morning newspaper dated avenue to H street, \$3.500; 14th street, December 1, 1919, and blood on the east side, from N street to Rhode paper made it appear that it had been used by the slayer.

Mrs. Mann, a divorced woman, came from berg from here from here from berg from here from 14th street to University place.

Island avenue, \$3,900; Connecticut dividual employe in just exactly which of the 1,700 classes he shall go, and just exactly what salary he is to Mrs. Mann, a divorced woman, came here from her home in Mill Valley, a suburb of San Francisco, Calif., about three and one-half years ago, bringing her daughter, Miss Margaret Mann, to attend school at St. Alban's. The daughter left the local educational institution and went to Smith's College, Northampton, Mass., where she now is a pupil. William A. Mann, the murdered woman's husband, is said to be a well-to-do attorney residing in Chicago.

Brother Due Tomorrow.

George W. Harrison, a brother of the dead woman, residing at 396 North Prairie street, Galesburg, Ill., has wired Inspector Grant that he will

from 6th street to 7th street, \$19,000.
The Commissioners also, at the meeting yesterday, directed the cor-

poration counsel to begin condemna-tion proceedings for the widening of Nichols avenue, in Congress

Heights from Raleigh place to St.

# U. S. CLERKS STAND **SQUARELY BEHIND CLASSIFIERS' WORK**

Paid Positions Receive Criticism, However. THESE MAY BE BROUGHT

**UP WHEN CONGRESS ACTS** 

Head of Employes' Federation Will Await Study of Report Before Making Any Comment.

Government employes today prepared to stand squarely behind the report of the joint congressional com mission on reclassification of salaries in the District presented to Congress yesterday.

This seemed the general determination expressed throughout the various federal departments and bureaus, although some officials and employes seemed disappointed with the salary recommendations of the commission for some of the already poorer paid classes of employes, notably messen-"On the whole the work of the com mission is to be commended." de

Mr. Beach expressed the opinion that the salaries in some of the lower grades are not adequate, as recom-mended by the commission, and said

that steps would be taken to impress

the entire country in working out

Representative Woods feels certain that by some such legislation the street car fares can be brought back to 5 cents in two years. He said that in order to do this the government must reduce the tax, but in the interests of the people of the National Capital, composed that the proposed minimum of \$1.320, strongly urged by the empoyes themselves, would ultimately be applied to the messenger, guard and other

he believes, is to relieve the public of paying any returns on watered stock. He believes that it is essential, first, to stabilize the securities of both companies. This must be deep local stabilize the securities of both companies. The reclassification commission. Reclassification Society Acts. stabilize the securities of tooling panies. This must be done by squeezing the water out of the stock in either or both companies, he says. Representative Woods is now gathering data to show just what returns the government would receive in taxes under the bill which he proposes.

sisted the reclassification commission, has adopted resolutions placing itself on record "as heartily in accord with the work as submitted to Congress as being the best possible piece of work under the conditions, and that it favors its early adoption for operation."

The Federal Reclassification Society he argues, these companies in was organized several months ago for lding the Potomac Electric the purpose of offering assistance to r Company through use of the Civil Service Commission when it

> Federation to Study Report. Luther Steward, president of the National Federation of Federal Em-ployes, today refused to make any statement on the report of the reclas sification commission. The legislative committee of the federation intends to go over the entire report carefully at a meeting to be held tomorrow aft-ernoon, after which an official state-

> Today the reclassification commission is defunct, although Chief Clerk Almond, with a small corps of clerks, is at work, clearing up final details and getting the records of the commission into shape for turning over to the Civil Service Commission. A joint resolution has been introduced to give the commission custody of all the rec ords, questionnaires and statistics of the former reclassification commis-

In the meantime the questionnaires and all other records stand without owner. in a sense, although close guard is being kept over them. Federal employes today seemed not yet to realize that with the presenta-tion of the report of the commission to Congress reclassification has but What the individual government clerk wanted to know is the very

thing that is as yet not answered: "Where do I come in?" Allocation of Employes. To the Civil Service Commission is left the great task of allocating the 107.000 employes into the 1,700 classes

set up and recommended by the reclassification commission. To the Civil Service Commission, also, is left the task of giving each one of the 107,000 Work will be started as soon as graduated wage schedules recom-Not until after Congress shall have

dations presented to it yesterday will the Civil Service Commission, if it is chosen the continuing authority, as recommended, be able to tell any in-

partment have not as yet received copies of the report, it was generally agreed, from perusal of the newspaper summaries, that a general increase would be welcomed all along the line. (Continued on Page 2, Column

## Where They Dance on Stilts

At Bridgetown, Barbadoes, the natives do their "shimmy" dance high in the air. At least, they provide such exhibitions for sailors of the Atlantic fleet. A half-page photograph of such an event is contained in tomorrow's Rotogravure Section of The Star.

And here are a few more of the many news and feature pictures of the section: "Where Skeletons Are Not Confined to Closets," Masonic Memorial Service in Washington, Local Women Make Books for the Blind, Germany's Aerial Police Force, King and Queen of England Open Parliament, and, of course, the full page of Hill drawings, "Among

In Tomorrow's Star